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AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 103-446 substituted “section 707 of title 38” for “section 235 of title 38”.

1993—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 103-79 substituted “99 years” for “35 years”.

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§ 501. Corporation created

The following persons: Ernest R. Alexander, of Dallas, Texas; John R. Alford, of Henderson, Texas; William H. Book, of Indianapolis, Indiana; E. M. Dealey, of Dallas, Texas; A. Dale Fiers, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Fred F. Florence, of Dallas, Texas; E. B. Germany, of Dallas, Texas; Sam Gladney, of Dallas, Texas; Theodore B. Griffith, of Indianapolis, Indiana; O. H. Grissom, of Longview, Texas; Harry T. Ice, of Indianapolis, Indiana; J. C. Judge, of Mineola, Texas; George Kuhn, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Charles J. Lynn, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Eugene S. Pulliam, of Indianapolis, Indiana; C. B. Roberts, of Dallas, Texas; William L. Schloss, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Ben H. Wooten, of Dallas, Texas; and Joseph Zeppa, of Tyler, Texas; and their associates and successors are created a body corporate by the name of Board for Fundamental Education (hereinafter referred to as the “corporation”) and by such name shall be known and have perpetual succession and the powers and limitations contained in this chapter.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, §1, 68 Stat. 489.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 502 of this title.

§ 502. Completion of organization

A majority of the persons named in section 501 of this title, or their successors, are hereby authorized to meet to complete the organization of the corporation by the adoption of a constitution and bylaws, the election of officers, and by

doing all things necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this chapter.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, §2, 68 Stat. 490.)

§ 503. Objects and purposes of corporation

The objects and purposes of the corporation shall be to foster the development of fundamental education through programs and projects such as—

(1) giving citizens (children, youth, and adults) opportunity to acquire the understandings and skills necessary to relate the resources of the community to the needs and interests of the community.

(2) demonstrating programs of fundamental education and measuring results.

(3) training men and women as leaders in fundamental education by providing internships and other experiences.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, §3, 68 Stat. 490.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 504, 515 of this title.

§ 504. Powers of corporation

The corporation shall have power—

(1) to sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction;

(2) to adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal;

(3) to choose such officers, managers, agents, and employees as the business of the corporation may require;

(4) to adopt and alter a constitution and bylaws, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any State in which such corporation is to operate, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(5) to contract and be contracted with;

(6) to take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest any property, real or personal, necessary for attaining the objects of accomplishing the purposes of the corporation, subject to applicable provisions of law of any State (A) governing the amount or kind of real and personal property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of real and personal property by, a corporation operating in such State;

(7) to transfer and convey real or personal property;

(8) to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation, issue bonds therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, subject to all applicable provisions of Federal or State law;

(9) to use the corporate funds to give prizes, awards, loans, scholarships and grants to deserving students for the purposes set forth in section 503 of this title;

(10) to publish a magazine and other publications; and

(11) to do any and all acts and things necessary and proper to carry out the objects and purposes of the corporation.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, §4, 68 Stat. 490.)

§ 505. Principal office; territorial scope of activities; agent for service of process

The activities of the corporation may be conducted throughout the various States, Terri-

tories, and possessions of the United States. The corporation shall maintain at all times in the District of Columbia a designated agent authorized to accept service of process for the corporation, such designation to be filed in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Notice to or service upon such agent, or mailed to the business address of such agent, shall be deemed sufficient notice or service upon the corporation. The principal office of the corporation shall be established at such place as the board of directors deems appropriate.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, § 5, 68 Stat. 490.)

§ 506. Membership; voting rights

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members shall, except as provided in this chapter, be determined according to the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. In the conduct of the official business of the corporation each member shall have one vote.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, § 6, 68 Stat. 491.)

§ 507. Board of directors

The corporation shall be governed by a board of directors composed of not less than fifteen members of the corporation who shall be elected annually to serve on such board by the members of the corporation.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, § 7, 68 Stat. 491.)

§ 508. Officers

The officers of the corporation shall consist of a chairman of the board, a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and such assistant officers as the board of directors shall designate. The officers shall perform such duties and have such powers as the bylaws and the board of directors may from time to time prescribe.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, § 8, 68 Stat. 491.)

§ 509. Distribution of income or assets to members; loans

(a) No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any member, officer, or director, or be distributable to any such person except upon dissolution and final liquidation of the corporation as provided in section 515 of this title.

(b) The corporation shall not make loans to its officers, directors, or employees. Any director who votes for or assents to the making of a loan to any officer, director, or employee of the corporation, and any officer who participates in the making of such a loan shall be jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, § 9, 68 Stat. 491.)

CROSS REFERENCES

Exemption from income tax of certain organizations, see section 501 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

§ 510. Nonpolitical nature of corporation

The corporation and its members, officers, and directors, as such, shall not contribute to or

otherwise support or assist any political party or candidate for elective public office.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, § 10, 68 Stat. 491.)

§ 511. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, § 11, 68 Stat. 491.)

§ 512. Prohibition against issuance of stock, payment of dividends, or business activities

The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock or to declare or pay any dividends, or to engage in business for pecuniary profit.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, § 12, 68 Stat. 491.)

§ 513. Books and records; inspection

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, the board of directors, and committees having any authority under the board of directors; and it shall also keep a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member or his agent or attorney, at any reasonable time.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, § 13, 68 Stat. 491.)

§ 514. Repealed. Pub. L. 88–504, § 4(20), Aug. 30, 1964, 78 Stat. 637

Section, act July 19, 1954, ch. 536, § 14, 68 Stat. 491, related to audit of financial transactions and report of such audit to Congress. See sections 1101 to 1103 of this title.

§ 515. Use of assets on dissolution or liquidation

Upon final dissolution or liquidation of the corporation and after the discharge or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations and liabilities, the remaining assets of the corporation shall be used by the board of directors for the purposes stated in section 503 of this title or be transferred to some recognized educational foundation.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, § 15, 68 Stat. 492.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 509 of this title.

§ 516. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation shall have the sole and exclusive right to use the name of Board for Fundamental Education as representing such corporation and such seals, emblems, and badges as the corporation may lawfully adopt.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, § 16, 68 Stat. 492.)

§ 517. Agents for service of process

As a condition precedent to the exercise of any power or privilege granted to the corporation under this chapter, the corporation shall file in the office of the Secretary of State, or similar

office, in each State and in each Territory or possession of the United States in which the corporation is doing business, the name and post office address of an authorized agent in such State, Territory, or possession upon whom legal process or demand against the corporation may be served.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, §17, 68 Stat. 492.)

§ 518. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this chapter is expressly reserved.

(July 19, 1954, ch. 536, §18, 68 Stat. 492.)

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§ 531. Corporation created

The following named persons to wit: General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, New York; Major General Amos A. Fries, retired, and Major General Ulysses S. Grant, 3d, retired, Washington, District of Columbia; Charles Boynton, Long Beach, California; Frank Worner, Inglewood, California; Wilbur Coursey, Fresno, California; Roy A. Davis, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Angus Ogborn, Richmond, Indiana; Thomas M. Horn, Lafayette, Indiana; Alonzo R. Stanfield, Indianapolis, Indiana; Roy J. Bennett, Des Moines, Iowa; Homer L. Young, Waterloo, Iowa; Dr. L. L. Shoppe, Des Moines, Iowa; E. S. Spangler, Newton, Kansas; A. P. Phillips, Newton, Kansas; William Dix, Newton, Kansas; F. Harold Dubord, Waterville, Maine; Hon. Burleigh Martin, Augusta, Maine; General William E. Southard, Bangor, Maine; George W. Kimball, Chelsea, Massachusetts; Brigadier General Otis M. Whitney, Concord, Massachusetts; Charles H. E. Moran, Holyoke, Massachusetts; Governor Alvan Tufts Fuller, Boston, Massachusetts;

Charles R. Cowdin, Detroit, Michigan; Birt Hammong, Jackson, Michigan; Charles F. Dexter, Detroit, Michigan; Donald F. Peacock, Detroit, Michigan; Dewey B. Mead, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Donald C. Bennyhof, Hennepin County, Minnesota; William A. Anderson, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Laurence J. Parker, Bennington, New Hampshire; Wallace L. Mason, Keene, New Hampshire; Cleon E. Heald, Keene, New Hampshire; Colonel Edward Black, retired, Bennington, New Hampshire; Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, New Jersey; Colonel Frederic G. Bauer, Ridgewood, New Jersey; Charles A. Otto, Elizabeth, New Jersey; C. Wesley Armstrong, Trenton, New Jersey; Doctor Karl Rothschild, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Rev. Hermon L. Brockway, Ithica, New York; William M. Coffin, Cincinnati, Ohio; Homer A. Ramey, Toledo, Ohio; Miles S. Kuhn, Dayton, Ohio; S. Anselm Skelton, Portsmouth, Ohio; Frederick K. Davis, Eugene, Oregon; Doctor W. E. Buchanan, Eugene, Oregon; Austin D. McReynolds, Eugene, Oregon; Glenn L. Adams, Salem, Oregon; John H. Runkle, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; C. Leroy Stoudt, Reading, Pennsylvania; Walter C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Edgar L. Gale, Seattle, Washington; Edward T. Fairchild, Madison, Wisconsin; Roland J. Steinle, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Lyall T. Beggs, Madison, Wisconsin; and Doctor William Martin Lamers, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; and their successors, are created and declared to be a body corporate of the District of Columbia, where its legal domicile shall be, by the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (hereinafter referred to as the corporation), and by such name shall be known and have perpetual succession and the powers, limitations, and restrictions herein contained.

(Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774, §1, 68 Stat. 748.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 532 of this title.

§ 532. Completion of organization

A majority of the persons named in section 531 of this title, acting in person or by written proxy, are authorized to complete the organization of the corporation by the selection of officers and employees, the adoption of a constitution and bylaws not inconsistent with this chapter, and the doing of such other acts as may be necessary for such purpose.

(Aug. 20, 1954, ch. 774, §2, 68 Stat. 749.)

§ 533. Purposes of corporation

The purposes of the corporation shall be: To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all those who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction